(c) by when it is likely to be given a new shape whether the same will be drafted in consultation with the State Governments and if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) State Governments and other agencies have been consulted in formulating proposals for the revision of the National Forests Policy. These are under active consideration of Government.

Raids on Industrialists

*127. SHRI A. G. KULKARNI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether raids were conducted at the business premises of Shri R. P. Goenka, Shri Vijay Mallya and others by the Enforcement Directorate in March, 1988 and if so, whether incriminating documents pertaining to FERA violation and tax concealment were unearthed; and

(b) whether any cases have been registered against the industrialists and if so, on what grounds?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) The Enforcement Directorate had not conducted any searches at the premises of the two persons referred to. However, searches were conductd by the Income-tax Department at the premises of these two persons and their associates in March, 1988.

In the cases of Shri R. P. Goenka and his associates, several incriminating documents prima facie indicating tax evasion were seized, besides prima facie unaccounted assets of Rs. 571.19 lakhs. The assessees of this group in their statements at the time of searches have so far admitted concealment of income to the tune of Rs. 272.32 lakhs. Certain bank lockers initially sealed during the course of the searches, are still to be opened and contents verified. In the cases of Shri Vijay Mallya and his associates, several incriminating documents prima facie indicating tax evasion were seized besides prima facie unaccounted assets of Rs. 14.62 lakhs. The assessees of this group, in their statements at the time of searches, have so far admitted concealment of income to the tune of Rs. 305.20 lakhs.

(b) The final outcome of these searches as regards the total concealment unearthed, economic offences detected etc., will be known only on completion of investigations and assessments consequent to the searches.

बाढ़ नियंत्रण के उपाय

* 28. **श्री अश्विनी कुमार** : क्या **जल संसाधन मंत्री** यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार का ध्यान 20 मार्च, 1988 के इंडिया नेशन में प्रकाशित इस आशय के समाचार की ओर दिलाया गया है कि बिहार के मुख्य मंत्री ने केन्द्रीय सरकार से बाढ़ नियंत्रण उपायों तथा जल संसाधनों के उपयोग के मामले में जिम्मेदारी लेने का अनुरोध किया है; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो उस पर सरकार की प्रतिक्रिया क्या है और बिहार की ऐसी परियोजनाओं के नाम क्या हैं; जिन्हें केन्द्रीय सरकार स्वयं अपनी मर्जी से कार्यान्वित करने का विचार कर रही है?

जल संसाधन मंत्री (श्री दिनेश सिंह) : (क) जी हां।

(ख) बाढ़ नियंत्रण उपायों सहित जल संसाधन क्षेत्र में योजनाओं के लिए राज्य सरकार के योजनागत बजट में प्रावधान किया जाता है। केन्द्रीय योजनागत सहायता ब्लाक के रूप में दी जाती है और यह विकास के किसी विशेष क्षेत्र से जुड़ी नहीं होती है। इन परियोजनाओं को केन्द्रीय क्षेत्र के अधीन लिए जाने का कोई प्रस्ताव नहीं है।